

On page 4, line 6, delete the heading "Disclosure of the Invention" and replace it with the following:

- -BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION- -

On page 14, line 6, delete the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings" and replace it with the following:

- -BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING- -

On page 14, line 21, delete the heading "Best Modes For Carrying Out the Invention" and replace it with the following:

- -DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS- -

On page 53, please delete the entire abstract and its heading and replace it with the following:

- -ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical apparatus, an exposure apparatus, and a laser light source maintain a satisfactory environment during a maintenance period or a period of abnormality and limit clouding of optical elements. Inert gas and dry air are supplied to a first lens barrel or a second lens barrel and a light source chamber. Oxygen sensors and exhaust volume monitors are located in a chamber of a main body and a chamber of a laser apparatus. When the oxygen concentration or the exhaust volume falls below a predetermined value, purge gas is supplied to the lens barrels and a light source chamber is supplied with dry air.- -

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